

mospital or boarded at Carew's Hotel
against medical advice which all
think you will be a physician & it is
at this hotel we intend stopping
the present summer. I do not consider
it will interfere with our tour &
you may make up for lost time by
traveling & spending your time at home

Cataract House Niagara Falls 4 Octⁿ
Dear Sirs - Your kind & elaborate
letter has filled me with remorse at
the thought that a man whose time
is so valuable shd have given so much
of it to so little purpose - but I think
you will appreciate the reasons for
my decision - My wife is not up to
much travelling & is easily upset
by fatigue - at the same time we
have been so little together this year
that I don't like to shorten the
period that we can spend together
enjoying a quiet time in the
country - I therefore decide to
diverge very little from the
shortest line to Boston & make
our halting place in the Berkshire
hills - Mrs Gray speaks well
of Lenox but on the whole we are
more disposed for Lebanon Springs
of which we have heard a good account

from some nice Americans we have met here - That place is ~~very~~ near Lenox but in New York State. I send a telegram to day to enquire whether the hotel there (Columbia Hall) is kept open for another week & unless the weather be very unfavorable we propose to remain there till this day week when we shall make our way direct to Boston - I know that this involves giving up White Mts - Capisse hypoxide & the Appalachian Club - but after all it is well to leave some plums in the pudding in view of the chance of crossing the Atlantic valley again.

That must be if at all earlier in the year - when Alleghanies in June & White Mts in July would form a tempting second course. Pray thank Prof. Pickering for his kind invitation to join the Appalachian Club of which I am an honorary member.

I shall send a post card or telegram if the answer from Lebanon Springs is satisfactory - or indeed in any case - if affirmative our address will be Columbia Hall Lebanon Springs N.Y.
We have had three wet days this week yesterday the sun came out but the air very damp - quite saturated to day fine.

Affectionate greetings from us both
to Mr. Gray

Ever yours

John Ball